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Randolph County Readies for Hurricane Joaquin and Heavy Rainfall

RANDOLPH COUNTY, NC – As Hurricane Joaquin intensifies to a Category Four hurricane with maximum sustained winds of 130 m.p.h., emergency services officials are encouraging citizens to stay informed and be prepared.

Although the track of Hurricane Joaquin has trended eastward away from North Carolina over the last 24 hours, widespread heavy rain is still expected through the weekend. The forecast is still subject to change.

Urban and localized flooding is possible. The National Weather Service in Raleigh has issued a Flash Flood Watch through Sunday evening.

Due to the saturated ground and wet conditions, even moderate wind gusts could potentially uproot and topple trees on homes, in roadways, and on powerlines which may cause power outages.

If roadways become flooded, citizens are strongly encouraged to find an alternate route. Just 12 inches of moving water can carry a small car off the road. More than half of flooding deaths occur in vehicles.

If travelling, use caution for downed trees and powerlines. Treat any downed powerline as a live line and do not drive over it.

Be prepared for power outages. Make sure that you have enough food, water and other personal supplies on hand for a minimum of 3 days.

For more information on putting together a disaster kit, or more information on flooding, visit:
www.ReadyNC.org

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